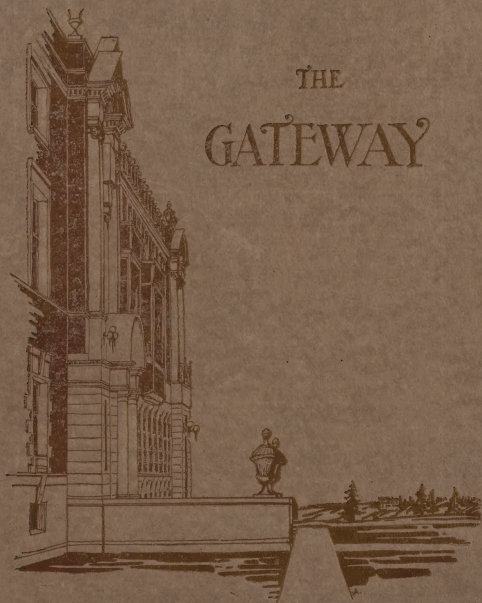


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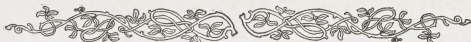
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April 7th, 1917.

Since I wrote a short article for the Special Gateway a year ago many changes have taken place which have affected considerably the life of the University, and made the year 1916-17 an unusual one.

The absence of so many members of the whom those of us here longest have known, has created a feeling of loneliness as if we were in new surroundings. This intensified by the changes which have resulted.

When we closed the year 1915-16, Dr. MacEachran, Professor Moshier, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Fife, Mr. Smith with us, all old and staff and students. The country took them on vacation. At first, it seemed that the work would be carried on without our being able to substitute. We have but I am sure we are more than ever, our being increased by nearly all are facing for King and Country.

Then, the absence of familiar faces, those whom we knew because they had been with us longest, accentuates the

It is impossible to give a list of names in the space assigned me for this article. I might, however, give a typical illustration. The graduation class this year consists of twelve members, the smallest number in years. When we look for the others who joined us in the Autumn of 1913, we find, as is always the case, that a few have fallen by the wayside, but about fifty are with the colors carrying the name of the University and of Canada into the fight for civilization and liberty. I am sure we would like them to know as the graduation day draws near that they are ever in our thoughts.

Of those who have gone not to return, but have fallen on the field of honor, I cannot trust myself to write. The thought of them has hallowed the work of the year and has made us desire to be worthy of the sacrifice they made.



PRESIDENT TORY

many of the senior teaching staff, with whom we have been in intimate association, a feeling of loneliness in unfamiliar surroundings has been added to the burdens from their absence.

The year 1915-16, Dr. Boyle, Dr. Burgess, Mr. Robb, Cowper, Mr. Cro- and Mr. Fife were tried friends of both. The call of the from us during the did not seem possible of the year could outlive even though cure suitable substituted through it, miss them today feeling of loneliness our knowledge that the Grim Messenger try.

sence of so many amongst the students we all knew best been with us long-same feeling.



The Gateway Staff.

The absence of the senior students has been reflected in the student body. In the beginning of the year, some anxiety was expressed lest on account of this, the maintenance of internal discipline might be more difficult and the tradition of government, which had been slowly developed from small beginnings might be found unworkable. It is with special pleasure that we record the fact that our fears were not well founded. The response from students to the call to keep alive the traditions which their brothers overseas had established was gratifying in the extreme. The year closes without a serious case of indiscipline and without a single untoward incident.

Further, I think I am justified in saying that the spirit of comradeship between students and staff, a marked characteristic of this University since its beginning, has never been more intimate and cordial.

I am not quite so sure concerning our tradition of work. The coming weeks will tell the tale. We fully recognize the disturbed conditions under which we live. We understand also the difficulty of keeping the mind fixed upon such ordinary things as books and lectures, when each day brings to us records of events more far reaching than the world has before known. But even here, I hope, we have not seriously suffered. Perhaps, the minds of the Examiners will be moved by a charity that "Believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." If such is the case approximate knowledge might easily be taken for real knowledge.

The good wishes of the whole University go out to the Graduating Class; to their comrades overseas, not only good wishes, but also an earnest prayer for their safe and speedy return.

H. M. TORY.



## EDITORIAL



VERY final term, as the end of the academic year is approaching and the necessity of satisfying a serious minded faculty becomes more imminent, it falls to the lot of the graduating class to publish a special number of the Gateway. Perhaps those who have known the Gateway for the last two years only, may be surprised to see the change in its form. Other readers will have, of course, no difficulty in recognizing the return to the older form, and we hope it may bring to them pleasant memories of the early days at the U. of A.

In 1910 when a suitable name for the newly founded University paper was being sought, some far-seeing prophet, who had 'dip't into the future far as human eye could see', chose the name 'Gateway' as suggestive of the position of the University of Alberta at the portal of the great North country, rich in potentialities of future greatness. In the period, when our University was more than keeping pace with the rapidly developing province, the paper came to represent one of the most valued phases of student activities.

During the last two years especially, however, the difficulties of keeping up the publication have been very much increased. Faithful to the ideals of all British Universities, the U. of A. has gladly watched its development decline in the interest of the one great cause. With a much smaller student body and difficult financial problems to face, the Gateway staff deserves much credit for making a success of the paper.

Last term the paper was in the hands of a faithful staff. Mr. A. Belcher, well known to University folk, was forced to resign from the editorship at the New Year on account of ill health. Mr. A. W. McIntyre then accepted the position. To both of them and to the business manager, Mr. S. B. Smith, great credit is due for their untiring efforts. As for Professor Edwards, editor of the 'Service News Letter' column, which has been a most interesting part of the Gateway, it is useless for us to try to add anything to the popularity he already enjoys at home and abroad on account of his 'fatherly' interest in the 'boys.'

In other phases of University life, with so few students in the senior years, with a more serious spirit ruling everywhere, it is but natural that college life and activities should be considerably changed. Athletics have, of course, covered a much smaller field; the Students' Union has been notable for the absence of any real enthusiasm and lively debates; the once highly popular Students Court has not been called into requisition at all. Despite some necessary curtailments, however, it is realized that especially in a new University, where the work of building up traditions which gradually become such an essential part of the college life, has just begun, we should maintain as many of our good customs as possible.

This year, on account of the small graduating class, the lack of suitable materials and financial difficulties, the advisability of publishing a special graduation number of the Gateway was seriously questioned. However, we look forward to the day when with the return of peace, the U. of A. will again come into its own; when this seventh annual number may furnish the link—if a humble one—to preserve unbroken the final-issue series of the Gateway.



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J. W. McKINNEY.

"How sweet are looks that ladies bend  
On whom their favours fall."

As would be expected from the above quotation, Bill has always been a prime favourite with the students who adorn, or at least bedeck, the galleries at the Lit. performances. And aside from his social attainments, he has left an enviable record in other phases of his University career. Although born in North Dakota, most of Bill's life has been spent at Claresholm, Alta. After graduating from the High School there, he continued his scholastic pursuits at the U. of A. where he has gained the degree of B.A. with Honours in Chemistry. He has been a very successful worker as Secretary-Treasurer of the Y.M.C.A., the Rugby Club, the Basketball Club and the Senior Year. We will all remember him as one who has worked hard in the best interests of the U. of A. and wish him every success in his chosen industrial sphere.

WILLIAM FORSHAW.

'A knowledge both of books and human kind.'

William Forshaw, orator, debater and man of affairs, entered upon his chosen profession with prospects that foreboded more than ordinary success. Born at Haydock, near Liverpool, England, Mr. Forshaw received his early education at Ashton Grammar School. In 1909, he crossed the seas and came to southern Alberta, where he spent his first 2 years upon mission fields as a Methodist probationer. In the autumn of 1911, he entered Alberta College, and by diligent application has now completed both his Arts and his Theological course. Space forbids anything like a full account of his College activities, but one may judge that a man who in his senior year holds the positions of senior stick of Alberta College, and President of the Intercollegiate Y.M.C.A. has gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow-students, and will have their well-wishes as he goes out from the University.

JOHN PICKARD SUTTIL.

"Of a truth he can discourse most excellent music."

John P. Suttill, Sky Pilot, is a native of Yorkshire, England. There as a lad he learned the gentleman's game of cricket,—a game he has since foresworn for tennis, though there are still sporadic outbreaks of his old enthusiasm. Seven years ago he came West, a missionary to the Plains, and since 1911 has been in attendance at Alberta College and the University. In 1913 he matriculated, trying for first place and the College Scholarship in Classics; the following autumn he entered the University and has done like creditable work during his undergraduate years. Throughout his course he has been a member of the University Orchestra, and in his final year was Editor of the College News Letter. Mr. Suttill is entering the Methodist ministry and will do the Church loyal and efficient service.

JEAN MARGARET STUART.

Although Jean was born in Glencoe, Ontario, and received her early education there, she is a most enthusiastic Westerner. Hockey, mountain climbing and English courses are her hobbies. Teaching is to be her profession. Those of us who have gone to school with her have gradually come to appreciate her quiet humor, boundless enthusiasm for life and unselfish interest in others, and we shall not forget the pleasant hours spent in her company. What those who go to school to her will have to say remains to be heard. But who can doubt the verdict?

## NATHALIE ERDMAN.

Who doesn't know Nathalie at least by sight? And she is as sweet as that pretty name sounds. But only to a few has she revealed her innermost self and those chosen ones will never forget her quick thrusts of wit, her pretty air of confused embarrassment, and above all, her trustworthiness. When there was anything to be done, she was always right there to lend her support. Especially have our boys overseas been benefited by her untiring labors. One of the few of the original Class '17, we are glad to see Nathalie finish so triumphantly with it, although we shall miss her during our next college years. Few would ever guess that English is not her mother-tongue and on this score she deserves a great deal of credit for her accomplishment. The girl who has done so much will be a woman able to meet and overcome difficulties in later life.

## GLADYS BUCHANAN.

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty."

Gladys is truly a product of "Sunny Alberta." She was born in Alberta, grew up and went to school in Alberta, and is now graduating from the University of Alberta. She has been thought by one of the professors to be a "frivolous young lady", but in spite of that fact she very often obtains first class in examinations—and that with very little effort. In her final year she has been one of the star players on the Varsity basketball team, which won the championship of the city. Gladys is an enthusiast in hockey and tennis as well as in basketball. She will be missed by everyone when she goes. Here's wishing her good luck.

## CORA FRANCES ARMSTRONG.

"She has a world of ready wit

Our minds and hearts to bless."

Cora came from Toronto in 1913 and became a Wauneita. She entered at once with zest into University life, and has made an enviable reputation in scholastic and other activities. During her course this popular little person has worked in the Wauneita Society, Y.W.C.A., Glee Club, Athletic Club, Soldiers Comforts' Club, Red Cross and Literary Societies. In the play given by the Literary and Dramatic Societies she has proved herself a capable actress. In basketball she was a star forward. She has specialized in Moderns. Her good sense and practical ideas have been of great value to the class.

## KATHERINE ISABELLE McCRIMMON.

"She that was ever fair and never proud

Had tongue at will and yet was never loud."

To attempt to review the varied career of Katie is a task, the immensity of which quite takes away one's breath. Although her years comparatively and geologically speaking are few, she has already accomplished much. Katie is a true Alberta girl, having been born in Calgary, and we have no doubt that in later years "Who's Who" will make note of these facts. She is an all-round girl and has filled many offices with great ability. We have seen her as the laughing and singing Frivola in "Psyche," as the dignified and august President of the Students' Union and as the capable leader of the Y.W. Nor must we forget her execution of the Freshettes, when as President of the Wauneitas, she donned the attire of the "Heap Big Chief." "Each for all, and all for each"—Faith and we're all for Katie. We give three rousing cheers and a tiger for Katie Mac.



## WALTER THOMAS MIDDLETON.

Commonly known as Shorty—was born in the garden of England at Ramsgate, but came West before he could walk or talk. His boyhood days were spent on a farm in Saskatchewan, but in his 'teens he moved to British Columbia and became interested in the building trade at Victoria. Deciding to know more of the higher branches, he entered Summerland College in the Okanagan Valley and matriculated into the U. of A. in 1913. With his practical knowledge, combined with his science and draughtsmanship, success in the outside world should be assured. Our good wishes go with him.

## JOHN GENIK.

John came to us in 1913 from Manitoba College, where he had done Matriculation and two years Arts. He completed the third year, and then we lost sight of him; but he turned up again last fall with a first class teacher's certificate and some experience in teaching as an explanation for the two years' lapse. John's home was formerly in the Carpathian mountains, in Austria. He left there thirteen years ago to make his fortune in Canada; and considering the difficulties he has surmounted, in a strange land struggling with a strange language, we have no doubt of his ability to gain his object. His fellows wish him success in the calling he chooses, which will probably be Law.

## WILLIAM SYKES.

Was first called "Bill" among the wolds of Yorkshire, home of the White Rose Warriors,—whence he came West, crusading, some seven years ago. Conference sent him to College in 1911 and in 1913 he matriculated trying for first place and the College Scholarship in Latin and Greek. Each year since has seen him forge appreciably nearer the student's coveted goal. A full share of student honors has been his: member of the College Glee Club, Chairman of the Discipline Committee, and in his final year Secretary of the Council. The College and his Alma Mater will expect aggressive work from him in his chosen calling—the Methodist ministry.

## JAMES FULTON.

Jim was born in Donaghadee, Ireland. In the land of the shamrock he spent his early years, but the call of the West proved strong, so in 1907 he came to Canada. He matriculated from McGill and later entered the University of Alberta. He also is a student of Robertson College and this year graduates in theology. In a class of seven he has been chosen as valedictorian of his year. Jim is a good fellow and his sterling qualities will ensure him much success in his chosen profession.

## DAVID H. McNAUGHT.

"It's an old head on young shoulders."

Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, proudly claims to be Mack's birthplace and there he pursued his early education up to Grade XI. Responding to the "Westward Ho" call, Mack came to Edmonton, entering the Victoria High School for Grade XII work and there he made a fine record and many friends. Since coming to the U. of A. Mack has gained not only from the purely academic side but has gone in for social activities as well. He was Secretary of the Students' Council in '16-'17, Chairman of the new Students' Committee of the Y.M., and is Vice-President of the Graduating Class. Mack contemplates a commercial career and if sterling qualities spell success, he will "make good," for his motto is "Give to the world the best you have, and the world will come back to you."



### J. A. McLENNAN.

Before harking to the call of the West, Mac. had already graduated from Goderich Collegiate, taught school for two years, and completed his first year in Arts at the University of Toronto. Since coming to the U. of A. in 1912, his career has been one of continued achievement in many phases of student life. In athletics, he has been actively interested in basketball and boxing, and has made an enviable record for himself in track events; in his studies, especially his chosen field of geology, he has been quite as successful. His popularity is shown by the fact that, besides holding other student offices, he was President of last year's graduating class. As for Mac's record in social activities, the most verdant freshman soon learn of his lament,

"The time I've lost in wooing,  
Has been my heart's undoing."

In the teaching profession, which he will probably follow up, Mac's sterling qualities will undoubtedly ensure him a fine success.



### VERNER MONTFORT GILBERT.

Was born at Lyndhurst, Ontario, educated at Brockville Collegiate Institute, and at Queen's University, where he graduated in the General Literary course, with honors in Latin, in 1914. He then entered Alberta Theological College, completing the course for ordination to the ministry of the Methodist Church one year ago. During the last year he has been stationed at Miles, and in connection with his work there, he has completed work for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, with major study in Hebrew. Mr. Gilbert is an experienced teacher and expects to continue his theological studies with the purpose of taking up teaching in this line.



### ALFRED BARR

is the first B. D. graduate of Robertson College and we congratulate him on the honor. After graduating B.A. from the University of Saskatchewan, Mr. Barr came to Robertson in the fall of 1914 to pursue his theological studies, continuing at the same time post graduate work in the M.A. course of his Alma Mater. With his Scotch love of learning he has established for himself here an enviable reputation as a first class student and has proven himself a gifted preacher. Recently he has received a call to the Presbyterian church at Killam, where, we hope, he will find ample scope for the many excellent qualities he possesses.

## GWYNETHE M. TUTTLE.

After taking her bachelor's degree in 1915, Miss Gwynethe M. Tuttle was appointed instructor in Botany under Dr. Lewis. During the past year she has, in addition to her duties as instructor, been doing post-graduate work, and will take her M.Sc. this spring. Miss Tuttle, chose, as preparation for her master's degree, a definite piece of research work, one which it was possible to follow out during the winter months in Alberta—the effect of low temperatures on herbaceous plants. She will present her thesis on this subject.

As an undergraduate Miss Tuttle took an active part in university affairs, and though she had had but little leisure since graduating, she has not lost her interest in these. She is now one of the convenors of the Knitters' News Committee, and as such sees to it that, through the weekly News-Letter, the men on active service are kept acquainted with the doings of the Soldiers' Comforts Club.



The following have completed their LL.B. work during the year and will receive degrees at Convocation:

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| Thomas Bernard Devaney, Calgary.  | William Gordon Egbert, Calgary.   |
| Andrew Brydon Hogg, Carmangay.    | John Almon Valiquette, Calgary.   |
| Alphonsus Lannan, Calgary.        | James Daniel Munro, Lloydminster. |
| Zebulon William Jacobs, Cardston. | Joseph Aeneas MacKenzie, Edmonton |
| Francis Olestes McKenna, Calgary. | Howard Stanley Coulter, Edmonton. |
| John James Kelly, Calgary.        | William Alexander Low, Calgary.   |
| Frederick Clayton Casselman, Edm. | James Knapp Wilson, Markerville.  |
| William Dixon Craig, Edmonton.    | Harold Beverly Robinson, Calgary. |



The Students' Court.



### ATHLETICS.

In attempting to review athletic activities for the past year one is almost moved to smile, for we are proud to say that the chief, and the most popular, form of athletics was one which was, officially, altogether unconnected with the Athletic Association. Unofficially it had our entire sympathy, our assistance wherever such could be of any value and much of our after-lecture time. In this variety the game opens with "Company fall in!" and ends with "Dismiss!"

However, even our assortment of rejects, under-ages and about-to-be-soldiers could not be entirely satisfied by the above and an attempt has been made to carry on the various clubs left over to us from other, and different years. While of necessity some organizations could not be continued with, the more popular ones have been operated with a very fair degree of success.

Owing to the fact that neither the President-elect for this season nor his secretary returned in the fall and on account of the lack of organization due to the late entrance of the President of the Union, it was the middle of October before the present executive were appointed and any activities commenced. The Track, Soccer and Boxing and Wrestling Clubs were not revived at all and Rugby was soon discontinued owing to the smallness of



Men's Hockey Team.

the squad and the poor prospects for any games. The Rifle Club, however, under the able guidance of A. W. McIntyre, commenced work at once and moved their target to the Engineering Building where a very superior range has been installed. The Club has a membership of about 30, and numbers among these some fine marksmen. Owing to the importance of their work in such times as these, the Club received an additional grant from the Students Council for the purchase of a new rifle and extra ammunition and are now well equipped to enter in on the coming season.

On October 28th the fourth annual Field Day was held, the executive feeling that it was wiser to hold even a modest affair than to let it drop entirely. In place of the former costly medals, the winners received ribbons, but no one seemed unhappy on that account. The freshmen all ran true to form, experienced but little difficulty in winning the majority of the events and captured the Jackson shield by a large margin.

With the first snow the basketball season opened, and this Club with Messrs. McKinney, Snider and Stanton in charge, has had a most successful season. The credit for this is largely due to Manager Stanton who coached and managed our quintette in addition to putting up a stellar game at left forward. Our representatives only suffered two or three defeats in the entire season, winning both halves of the Intercollegiate League and defeating Camrose Normal both in Camrose and on the home floor. The Athletic Association have also operated a House Basketball League in Athabasca Hall





Mens' Basket Ball Team.

and this proved to be a great success, practically every man in residence being connected with one or other of the teams. The shield offered by the Association for annual competition was won by the popular "John" Lillico and his trusty followers A. D. MacGillivray, W. F. Clark, Scholl, Langford and Hughes. It is interesting to note in this connection that three of the above men have already enlisted, while a fourth is at that stage known as "signing up". We would submit this as a fair record and a splendid example.

During the winter months the Varsity rink operated as, or rather more successfully than, usual and finished with a balance on the credit side of the ledger for the first time in several annums. This was the stamping-ground of the Hockey Club under the tutelage of Manager Seyer and the women's ditto under Miss Stuart. The men's aggregation were a reversal to the good old days of noughty-eight when defeats were a matter of course, but some good material was unearthed which will be heard from in post-bellum times. The women suffered much the same fate but made a good showing under adverse conditions. The women's basketball club fully upheld our reputation in this department and carried off the gonfalon in their Intercollegiate in straight wins. This is an enviable record and speaks volumes for the work done by Mr. Race as coach and Miss Anderson as captain.

Several "athletic evenings" were held during the year with a result very pleasing to the Comforts Club and, seemingly, to the patrons. It is to be hoped that these will become a regular feature in the future.



Basket Ball Team.

The annual banquet was held as usual this year on March 1, and some thirty couples reported a "very pleasant and enjoyable time." The badges and prizes, fittingly few, were presented by Mrs. Tory and the affair broke up in the customary informal dance. In passing, it may be noted that no letters are being awarded by the Association on this season's work. While other universities may have other views, we ourselves are most emphatically out of senior and intermediate athletics, and the resultant awarding of insignia, for the duration of the war. This is perhaps the first year in the history of this institution in which the Athletic Executive deliberately put athletics into a secondary place and while we are proud to have done so under the present circumstances, we hope that necessity for a similar action will not confront our successors in office.

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"All the world loves a lover except the gas companies."

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"One touch of rumor makes the whole world chin."

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"The prettiest things in spring bonnets—Girls."

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When will Julius Caesar? When "She Stoops to Conquer."

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Interested friend:—I understand your son is still pursuing his studies at college.

Indulgent father:—Yes, John is always a little behind.



Athletic Executive



Ladies Hockey Team.



## LITERARY SOCIETY.

One day in class Dr. Broadus asked the President of the Literary Department for a characterization of Romeo. "He was temperamental," she began; but at her first pause he said: "Now you are the only one who would have used that word, Miss Bell, and you use it because you are musical." This fact was the cause not only of making her use the objectionable word, but also of her furnishing us with several excellent musical programmes, in which our own University talent was not less appreciated than outside talent. The trio, consisting of Miss Bowman at the piano and Messrs. Harvey and Bowman on the violin, several times made welcome appearances; and the violin solos of Miss Gladys Flint were always in demand. Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Kelso, Miss Cline, Miss McLeod, Miss Laura McMillan and Mr. Shildrick sang to appreciative audiences. These musical programmes were diversified by entertaining readings given by Miss Trotter and Mr. E. C. Davis, and once by a short play of Barrie's. The orchestra has always lent its valuable aid.

A prominent feature of the Literary Society for the past four years has been the contest between resident and non-resident students to produce the more original piece. As the non-residents took up a column in a former number of the Gateway, explaining points obscure to the limited intelligence of the residents, little more need be said. Modesty prevents the residents, who are the winners this year, thanks to Mr. A. L. Caldwell, from descanting on this play, which showed us life in the University in 1950.

Perhaps the most successful events of the year in this Department were the plays presented by the Dramatic Society. These were under the direction of Mr. Adam, which was enough to ensure their success. The last play, "Quality Street", was presented for the benefit of the Soldiers' Comforts Club, a small admission being charged; and over three hundred dollars was handed over to that most popular organization in the University.

On St. Valentine's Day the meeting of the Literary Society took the form of an enjoyable social evening. It is hoped that we shall wind up with a "trifling foolish banquet." We go to press before the event, but fortunately this is one case where man's imagination, aided by experience, does not need to be supplemented by description.

The best comment on the year's work is the re-election by acclamation of Miss May Bell as President.

### THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

The outstanding feature of the activities of this society during the past session was the growing importance of the papers read at the members' afternoon meetings. These papers included Mr. Berry's account of Machiavelli, Dr. Collip's experiments on the brain and nervous system, Mr. Marsden's discussion of the relation of the religious society to the Modern State, and Mr. Kelso's review of problems in industrial chemistry. The attendance at these meetings was highly satisfactory.

The public lectures did not generally show much falling off from the numbers of former sessions, and on one or two occasions the attendance was excellent. Variety of interest was obtained in the programme which included Mr. F. G. Bowers's finely read paper on the History of the British Navy, Mr. Sidney B. Woods's discussion of Imperial problems, Dr. Killam's comprehensive presentation of the theories concerning life in the Solar system, President Tory's excellently suggestive topic "The War and Educational Reform," Principal Dyde's thoughtful "Philosophy of Religion" and Mr. Adam's account of the physio-psychology of art.

The executive consisted of the President Mr. J. Adam; Vice-President, Prof. J. A. Allan; Secy.-Treas., Mr. A. L. Burt; Member of Exec. Committee, Mr. I. F. Morrison.

### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The subject of study this year—some phases of contemporary drama—was continued from last session. The usual plan of having a series of papers with readings from plays under discussion was dropped. Instead of that, the members met once a month and read plays, those selected being "The Voysey Inheritance," "Lady Windermere's Fan," three short plays by Barrie, and "What the Public Wants."

In addition to this, the Society, under their arrangement with the Literary Department of the Students' Union, presented three plays: "Mary Goes First," "The Twelve Pound Look," and "Quality Street." The success obtained last year with "You Never Can Tell" led to greater expectations, and it may be fairly said that the performances of this year's plays have enhanced the reputation of our University players. The recruits to the ranks have been for the most part very successful in spite of the fact that plays of such dissimilarity were attempted.

It is perhaps worthy of record that "Quality Street" was performed not only on Friday evening but also on Saturday afternoon, in both cases to large audiences.

In the latter part of the session the President, who was going to munitions work in the East, resigned and his place was taken by Mr. A. L. Burt.

Executive:—President, Mr. R. K. Gordon; Secy.-Treas., Mr. Alan B. Harvey; Executive Committee, The President and Sec.-Treas., with Miss Bowman, Miss Pelluet, and Mr. J. Adam.



## IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

Is life worth living? It is for the child whose existence is bathed in sunshine. The world is new and the day is all too short for the wonderful adventure of life. It is for the youth and maiden who live in an atmosphere of romance. Hope is high and the imagination is still strong. But what of the mature man and woman thrown out into the stiff struggle of the hard world? They face the full responsibilities of life, they alone can decide. It is said that the happiest days of life are college days, carefree and joyous, and indeed many men and women wistfully look back to that golden age. Cares and worries have darkened their earlier visions. They trudge on, as it were, along a dusty road under dull skies. All is grey ahead, the only light is behind. What is it all for? What is the use of it anyway? They ask but there is no answer, and so they trudge on for there is nothing else to do. Some perhaps of lighter brain chase butterflies by the wayside, but of this they grow tired in the end. Then if they have not too much dissipated the power of thought, they likewise wonder what it is all about. If there were only some pleasant way out of this endless daily round, how many would not seek it?

These are dark days, with Europe weltering in war, old forms of religion dissolving and government discredited by incompetence and corruption. For many the light has gone out and the ground under foot grown uncertain. But this is not peculiar to today. In every age there has been a strong tendency for life to become "dull, stale and unprofitable," and from time to time various panaceas have been prescribed,—religious, political, economic. Men are always chasing after some will-o'-the-wisp. The French revolutionary thought to create a new heaven and a new earth in a day. The French, Italian or German republican of the last century believed that the establishment of the republic would end all troubles. Similarly the socialist was convinced that the victory of socialism would inaugurate a new era of happiness and Cobden preached the coming of his materialistic millenium. The nationalists of Italy and Germany had likewise an unbounded faith in the magic power of national unity. Home Rulers believe that self-government would make Irishmen find life worth living—in Ireland. And so it has always been. These are but a few of the fairy lights that have lured men on. Sometimes they lie within, sometimes without the sphere of reality. But in either case disillusionment follows. The people of Italy were much happier during the enthusiastic struggle for national unity than they have been since. Is it all then merely a tale of weariness?

No! The pursuit of these varying ideals has brought some good in their day,—and much wisdom after. The thinking man sees not a tale of weariness, but a great truth—that limited and misplaced ideals lead into the wilderness and not into the Promised Land. It is better to be a pessimist than a fool of a false optimist, but it is far better to be a wise optimist with a broad faith. Much of the restless discontent of today has come of following false lights into the wilderness. The worst of these misplaced beliefs has been the faith in a material standard. Everything is put to the same test, "Will it pay? Is it practical?" Indeed we have pushed the principle so far that we are wondering if even life pays and if it is practical to live. How it has led us astray! The child at school must have a practical education to fit him—for what? To take his place in life with a fully-developed well-balanced mind and character? No! To be a more efficient cog in the

great machine of the economic world whose god is almighty—the dollar! They say our modern civilization compounded of a million inventions is a wonderful thing. But we are deceived. We thought the present age with its steam and electricity, its railways and telephones was so far in advance of previous ages that civilization had pushed on into a new form of existence—a millenium of peace. But we awoke—in the wilderness.

To the leaders of tomorrow, the University students of today, we look to correct such false ideals and give a truer meaning to life. But unfortunately many students who go out into the world with keen minds soon lose their bright ideals, sink into a rut and join the vast army of trudgers. Why is this so common? How have they failed? The University aims to teach its students two things—to do something and to be something. It turns out young lawyers, doctors, teachers and engineers inspired to do their best in their chosen professions. But that is not all. The University imparts another training, another inspiration—to be something. Here is the heart of the matter. Those who forget this are those who lose the zest of life. The best way to preserve it is to examine what it means. To be—what? To be something in addition to doing something—to have a large *and* and a strong character. This is the product of no single university course, but of the whole atmosphere of the institution—lectures, laboratories, reading and companionship in all. Its essence, hard to grasp, can be best summed up in a Teufelsdröckhian phrase—fine ideals of life generally—or perhaps Matthew Arnold's interpretation of Swift's words "sweetness and light." This in the last analysis is what makes life really worth while. It is growth, it is development into a finer being in every way possible, or as Matthew Arnold put it, the search after beauty and truth. Some say the Renaissance is long past, others that it is with us still. Both are true. It is no longer possible physically for a single individual to comprehend all knowledge or to become a universal artist. On the other hand its spirit remains as a great inspiration—to know and understand more, and to perceive more of the beauty of the vast riddle of the universe. This is the vision, the light that dawns upon the University student. He perceives that the complex mechanical contrivances of modern life—of course very necessary in their way—are but the outward body, the physical side of civilization, and that so far as he lives in the world of the physical he is only a supreme type of beast, but in so far as he strives after these other things he breaks through the bondage of time and place, reaches out after the universal intelligence and partakes of it. Some grow weary of the endless search, saying what is the use of trying to know more and more when it is impossible to arrive at the end and know all things, and they turn aside perhaps to pursue wealth quite undaunted by the impossibility of possessing all wealth. But the wise student despises intellectual laziness and is never satisfied with a superficial knowledge of anything if possible. He always tries to get to the bottom of things. He always prefers the more beautiful to the less beautiful, not only in things but likewise in thoughts and actions. He has acquired the power of discrimination and sees that pleasures are of various realities, that the coarser are easiest to secure and the finer the most difficult, that the coarser deaden his faculty for enjoyment and injure the finer side of his nature while the nobler develop his power of enjoyment as well as his whole better self. And so by finding that true happiness lies within, he becomes spiritually rich. Indeed solitude is a good test of the value of a man. There he may discover real pleasure in quiet thought or find himself

a pretty dull companion. The Greeks perhaps attained unto a higher state of being than any people before or since. But their spirit is not dead—even though their language may be, for most people—it is caught by the University student of today and he like those high ancients interprets life as a work of art. He is inspired to improve here and develop there, body, mind and character. Let us not however arrogate unto ourselves as University men and women any special virtue for the creation of this spirit or even the sole possession of it. It is but the transformation and development of primal elements in human nature. Silly people enamoured of growing old and serious smile indulgently at the simple wonder of the child and the romance of youth. But their smile is the shadow of the greyness of their own lives. They foolishly think that the secret of perpetual youth, the true philosopher's stone which transmutes the baser metals of life into gold lies above the clouds or beyond the sunset. After all is it not this spirit of wonder and romance which they have thrown away? For it is this which keeps heart and mind open to inherit the riches of the ages and makes life worth living.

Alfred LeRoy Burt.



Students' Council.



### WAUNEITA SOCIETY.

Soon after the students had reassembled in the fall, to continue their studies at University, preparations were commenced for the entertainment of the new girls. On October 13th, 1916, the annual reception to the them were numerous. On October 13th, 1916, the annual reception to the freshettes was held, and with all due ceremony they were received into the Wauneita Society.

On November 1st a business meeting was held and arrangements were made for a Red Cross Circle, and a First Aid Class. The latter under the direction of Dr. Jamieson has proved a great success.

The next meeting was held on the evening of November 15th. The Sophomore girls had provided a delightful programme. Miss Siegel and Mrs. Pimlott gave very pleasing numbers. Refreshments were later served and a very happy evening was spent.

Two weeks later came the first debate, Resolved: That heredity plays a more important part in life than environment. Here the Juniors proved too great for the Freshettes.

The Annual Banquet to the Alumnae, which was held on January 17th, 1917, proved very successful. There were over one hundred guests present. Mrs. Burt, our honorary president, made a charming toast-mistress.

The following meeting took the form of a debate between the Sophomores and the Seniors, the former being successful. The subject debated was, Resolved: That Canada should exclude Oriental Immigration.

A delightful little play entitled, "Lunch in the Suburbs," was played by the Senior and Junior girls, on February 28th. Everyone was thankful that it was only "Pussy who was crushed."

Through lack of time, the final debate was omitted. This was very

unfortunate, as an interesting debate was expected. The final business meeting at which the new officers will be installed, will be held on April 7th.

During the year a number of "ten-cent teas," as well as sales of home-made candy, were held, proving very successful. The proceeds were given to the Soldiers' Comfort Club. Now since the spring has come again, we must leave Varsity; a few of us never to come back, but most to return to our studies in the fall.

#### COLLEGIUM AGRICOLARUM.

While the name of "Collegium Agricolarum" might convey the impression that the College of Agriculture is referred to, it is in reality the name attached to a society which is not connected directly with this faculty. Although the majority of its members are agricultural students, it is open to all who are interested in agriculture.

The Collegium was organized four years before the University opened its doors to students of Agriculture. The first executive consisted of Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Ottewell and Mr. Seyer. Meetings were held frequently; the main object being to familiarize men with debating and the conducting of public meetings to fit them for leadership in rural communities. Papers were also read and addresses given by members of the staff and men prominent in public affairs.

The organization flourished during that year and the one following, but in 1914 no meetings were held. With the assistance of Dr. Lehman and Mr. Seyer, it was revived again in 1915 on the admission of the first students in Agriculture. Meetings were held semi-monthly during that term, and this year the Society has been very active being now in a flourishing condition. What its future will be we do not know, but we venture to say it will develop as the Agricultural Department grows; and will in the near future have a place of equal importance with some of the older established societies.

#### IN WAR TIMES.

'What is the one thing that Alberta most needs today?' is the query that has been presented to us in many recent numbers of The Gateway and has found various answers. The answers have however agreed in this, that what Alberta needs is what Canada needs, is what every citizen of the Empire needs. No one has gone out of his way to define the Albertan as a separate species of the genus *Homo* with particular needs all his own. Our minds then naturally turn from the particular to the universal and especially to the universal resident in the particular, the soul of the *homo* which makes him think *nihil humani alienum*.

What is it then that humanity at large needs most just now? To arrive at some conclusion on this point let us turn our minds back to the beginning of the war. What was it that roused the universal re-action against Germany in 1914 and made us determine that we would give our blood and wealth to oppose her? There can be only one answer: the love of freedom. It would be well to analyze a little what we meant and what we mean by that word. Probably in the minds of most of us the feeling that was aroused might be described as resentment at interference, and those of us who venerated the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount justified our resentment by the thought that it was another's rights that were being invaded, another's wrongs that were to be righted. It seems to me that the great need of all today is to remember this. The freedom for which we are fighting is so precious that, in the hackneyed phrase, 'perpetual vigilance' is a light



price to pay for it. It includes not only the vindication of the smaller nationalities against the imperialism of any one conquering power, it must also include the vindication of the right of every man to free development mental and physical, within the society of which he forms a part, that is within the limits imposed by the rights of his neighbour. For the moment the great task is the crushing of the power which has set up as its standard of conduct its sole will, and until that power has been brought to see that the might which it thought it could dissociate from right is no might, we can hardly hope for a change in its standard. As in Samson's riddle, the bees will not store up honey in the lion's skull until the spirit of the beast of prey has passed out of it. When the Allies have crushed the military power of Germany we may hope that 'out of the eater will come forth meat and out of the strong will come forth sweetness.'

But when that task has been accomplished in what spirit will the work of the world be taken up? Shall we have sucked the poison from the wounds of Europe only to find our own veins infected? Many a wild saying of those who are striving for power points in that direction. Many seem to look to an ideal of drill, subordination, efficiency, for the future embattlement of their own position. The weariness of the world with strife is only too likely to leave its welfare in the hands of its masters. We want our welfare in our own hands. Let us watch therefore. The need of the time seems to be for thought. It is easy to scoff at a policy of 'Wait and see' and to demand action at any price, as though every leap must be a leap into safety, but such a policy will not carry us very far across the morass. It can only be by thought that a safe way to reconstruction can be found. It can only be found in thought for the freedom of others as well as for our own freedom, in a due balance of conflicting claims, in a sacrifice perhaps of our own 'rights' for the good of others. Self-sacrifice may be regarded as Utopian but such enactments as the Liquor Law show that many a man is ready to give up his freedom for what he imagines will be the public welfare. Let the first thought, however, about any measure be: Will the spirit of man be broadened? Will his character be strengthened? Will his realm of freedom be increased? Not; How may he be dragooned into a more serviceable instrument of production? For be sure that you who think are but part of the Common Weal. What happens to the manual labourer today will happen to the intellectual labourer tomorrow. When freedom has been sacrificed in the one case it will be sacrificed in the other and the autocratic and bureaucratic state, whether under a Caesar or a President, will equally paralyze the soul of humanity. Let us thank God that when the crime of 1914 was perpetrated it found an England a British Empire, unready, an Empire not schooled to do the bidding of a ministry but a body of free men whose blows, misdirected perhaps sometimes, nevertheless drew an invincible force from the spirit of righteous indignation which breathed in every unit of the 'mob.' In all our present effort, our eager cooperation, our gradually tightening clutch on the throat of the aggressor, let us not forget, now and in the time to come, that it was an unprepared England that met the shock and won the victory out of forces built up, out of hearts born, out of brains educated, under centuries of individual liberty. With this thought in our minds, let every man do something, let every man think something, for the common cause. In the words of the Apostle: 'Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace'.

B.



### SOLDIERS' COMFORTS CLUB.

Hon. Pres., Mrs. Tory; Pres., Miss H. B. Montgomery; Vice-Pres., Miss C. M. Bell; Sec.-Treas., Miss J. F. Montgomery; Working Com., Mrs. R. J. Russell, Miss Helena Barclay; Social Com., Misses E. Tharp, Gillespie, M. Hotson; Scrap-book Com., Misses N. Erdman, Bowman; Knitters' News Com., Misses Bremer, Tuttle; Candy Com., Misses E. Hamilton, L. Lloyd; News-Letter Com., Prof. W. M. Edwards, Misses C. Armstrong, H. Edwards.

Throughout the year the Soldiers' Comforts Club has continued the work begun last spring, that of sending the weekly News Letter to the University men on active service.

In October a committee was appointed to send Christmas boxes in addition to the News Letter.

So great was the interest shown that it was determined to make the committee larger and permanent, and to send throughout the year small parcels of comforts to individuals. The result was the formation of the U. of A. Overseas Auxiliary.

There were now two organizations existing, both having as their object the helping and cheering of the men at the front, the one by letters, the other by socks, cigarettes, etc. All the workers in each were interested in both, and such a division seemed a waste of effort. So at the beginning of February the two were united under the older and better known name, Soldiers' Comforts Club, with the News Letter in charge of one of its committees. Parcels will be sent to privates and non-commissioned officers in France. Already the working committee has sent off forty-five parcels.

The money for this purpose has been raised by contributions, members' fees, and candy sales. In its budget for the year the Y.M.C.A. assigned a percentage of its funds to the News Letter. By the generosity of the Athletic Association the gate receipts of the Athletic Meets were handed over to the club, and the Literary Department also showed its interest by devoting the entire proceeds of the two performances of "Quality Street," presented by the Dramatic Society, to this object.



#### UNIVERSITY Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. this year has been well to the front and has completely justified its existence in the life of the University. The Association started off with a big handicap in the paucity of senior students, but the few who remained rose to the occasion. The activities of the Y.M. have not been confined to the Sunday Service and Bible Study. During the term a Missionary Conference was held, in connection with which the visit of Dr. Crummy of Winnipeg was the outstanding feature. Mention must be made of the joint Y.W. and Y.M. Social which was held before Christmas and proved a great success.

The Sunday Services have been popular both with students, staff and friends of the University in the city. In addition to local ministers and laymen, we have had addresses from many prominent men throughout the West—President Murray and Professor Hogg of Saskatoon, President Whidden of Brandon, Dr. Crummy, Major Hogbin of Calgary, and Major Kirby. The services have been well attended. Half the collections have been given to the Military Y.M.C.A.

Bible study has been consistently carried on under unusual limitations and handicaps. Groups for the freshmen under student leaders, with Mr. Race for the Normal class, have been held each week, and Dr. Dyde's talks to the senior group have been much appreciated.

Social service has been in the background; with so many of the seniors away it was felt unwise to take on outside work this year. We hope that very soon our members will again be able to teach English to our foreign population, to work with boys' clubs, and to help in the other branches of social service.

## Y.W.C.A.

Though many of the aims of the Y.W.C.A. this year have not materialized, we have not had reason to be discouraged for what we did attain helped us forget our impossible dreams.

The Question Bible Class under Dr. Dyde has been one of the most successful parts of the work and the girls have always shown their interest and appreciation of Dr. Dyde's help by turning out very well. We here express our thanks to Dr. Dyde.

The plan adopted for this year's program was that each executive was to be responsible for a regular meeting of the Y.W.C.A. The opening meeting was a "Get-acquainted" tea in the Lounge where the freshettes were welcomed to the University and introduced to the branch of the Y.W.C.A. in their midst.

One of the best meetings we had was a "Missionary Symposium" where several girls dressed in the native costumes of the sister country they represented, gave a plea for the women of that country. Miss Robinson, an enthusiastic worker among neglected children, also gave us a splendid talk.

At the 10c teas and candy sales about \$30 was realized and we are hoping to send two delegates to the conference at Lumsden Beach this summer and everyone is anxious to go since the enthusiastic report Miss McCrimmon gave of last year's.

We had two visits from Miss Hamill, student Secretary for the west, and though this is her first visit to us we asked her to come again, which she promised, and now we await the fulfilment of that promise in what we hope will be another successful year.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CONTINGENT,  
C.O.T.C.

The annual number of the Gateway being in the nature of a review of the year's events, I may properly begin with a summary of the military work of 1916-17. Squad drill (the two common or garden varieties), platoon drill, and company drill have been cultivated with a sweet persistence throughout, and, though in some cases no bloom is yet apparent, yet rare flowers have bloomed forth on the parade-ground. Extended orders fulfilled all that I.T. 1914 had foreboded for it, confusion, loss of direction, loss of power of manoeuvre, and so on; there can therefore be no question of our success here. The rifle manual has afforded scope for the contortionist and the gymnast, and nowhere have university men more finely revealed their individualism than in the notable "succession" movement in sloping arms. The indifference of the intellectual man to petty detail is shown in the fine carelessness with which springs are left compressed and safety-catches open. Physical drill has revealed the essential youth of the Faculty and the real age of the student body, and once again youth and crabbed age have found it quite hard to get along together. And once, oh, once—but never again—a C.E.F., B.F. and P.T. expert visited the corps, and made its sedatest members climb broom-sticks till they felt like witches and began to see black cats. This year the contingent has been the proud possessor of one hundred brand new Mark III Ross rifles and also of something to shoot in them, but Winter has again dallied in the lap of Spring and we have had but small opportunity at the outdoor miniature range.

Even thus we have hovered near the greatness of some "possibles" and, viewing the matter from another standpoint, we have those among us who refuse to mutilate even a target. They are great friends with the markers, 'tis said. Of inspections we have had a plenty, one by Sir Robert Borden, one by Brigadier General Cruickshank, one by Col. Macdonald, the new D.O.C. and another by Lt. Col. Wigle, 18th Bn. C.E.F. All these have been faced with undaunted mien and gleaming buttons. I am sorry to report that the A.A.G. was unfavorably depressed by the fine manes of some of our young Apollos.

A special word should be put in for manoeuvres. Some slight attempt was made this year to give the semblance of reality to the operations of war by field-days. It was very good so far as it went, but real success along this line requires more generosity in respect of time from the university faculties, and more public spirit on the part of a considerable number of the students. However a beginning has been made and perhaps another year may see a greater appreciation of the value of tactical as against formal drill.

An officers' class was carried on from Nov. 15th to Mar. 20th with a full complement of lectures on all the subjects of the lieutenant's course, and it is averred that both lecturers and lectured are beginning to realize that the field of military knowledge is fairly wide,—not a thing for every man to draw a bow on at a venture. Some of the subjects lectured on (according to typewritten orders as they emerged from the general office) were "Interim Economy," wherein no doubt Mr. Burt explained how to live until the next cheque arrived, and "Fighting Farces and their Characteristics" (let us hope without reference to the U. of A. C.O.T.C.). Pleasant wit was also shown by the directing officers in criticizing squad (sometimes written "squab") drill as "mutually instructed."

The C.O.T.C. dance, if not a feat of modern finance as a fund-raiser, was wonderful as a demonstration of the staying powers of officers and men, while Adjutant Burt's success in breaking up unauthorized formations showed that military science is serviceable in all walks of life (to say nothing of all fox-trots).

And finally, when that testing-time came around which each spring has brought for three years now, the C.O.T.C. again proved its worth by contributing a considerable quota of its men for active service in the C.E.F., while several others who offered but were rejected by the Medical boards deserve honorable mention. As we look back over the rolls of the U. of A. C.O.T.C. we can readily see that the recruits of 1917 have their work cut out for them to walk in the way of the "Old Guard," but we are equally confident that for the sake of country, university, and their first corps they will maintain a proud tradition now sealed with great sacrifices.

The officers for this year have been as follows: W. H. Alexander, Captain and O.C., S. D. Killam, Captain and Adjt. (to Feb. 1), A. E. Cameron, Lieut. i/c of No. 1 platoon (to Dec. 15), A. L. Burt, Lieut. i/c of No. 2 platoon (to Dec. 15 and then of No. 1; Adjt. from Feb. 1), E. W. Sheldon, Lieut. i/c of No. 4 platoon (later of No. 2), D. M. Robertson, Lieut. i/c of No. 3 platoon, J. H. Ogilvie, Lieut. i/c of No. 4 platoon. Howard Emery has been C.S.M. and F. B. Pennock a lynx-eyed C.Q.M.S. The sergeants have been N. A. Clark, M. A. R. Young, S. B. Smith, and A. B. Harvey. Of the above, Capt. Killam has gone to the 196th Bn. reinforcing draft as O.C. and Douglas Robertson as sergeant.

W. H. Alexander, Capt.  
O.C. the U. of A. Contingent, C.O.T.C.



# UNIVERSITY of ALBERTA



1916-17

FRESHMAN CLASS



### ROBERTSON COLLEGE.

Robertson has now passed its sixth mile-stone. In many ways this has been a quiet year and we would not have had it otherwise. Many familiar faces have been absent, some of which we shall never see again. We cannot refrain from honouring ourselves by again mentioning the names of our gallant dead—G. S. Drummond, J. R. Thomson and J. S. Kerr. Their memories will always remain green, and

"In glory will they sleep, and endless sanctity."

The graduating class this year is the largest in our history. At the forthcoming Convocation no less than seven men—the perfect number—will receive their testamurs. Four of these men are veterans of the "old guard," otherwise irreverently called by the freshmen "the basement men." We look back with pride on the days when we dug the basement, and who would deny some of our more sentimental members the privilege of descending into the basement occasionally to view their handiwork and smoke a pipe in memory of the old, happy days. But we can scarcely believe that the time has come for the scattering of the nest and the flight of the fledglings. Why, we scarcely have found our wings yet! While we pause on the threshold of the active ministry with eager anticipation, there is also a tinge of regret. The happy, carefree days of familiar fellowship will now be but a tender memory and we shall be scattered far and wide. Already three of our graduates have received calls—A. T. Barr to Killam, M. S. Kerr to Fort Saskatchewan, and D. W. Smith to Carstairs. The rest of us expect to know our fates in a few days when the report of the deliberations of the Home Mission Committee is published.

Another significant event will also take place at this Convocation. Although by its charter Robertson College has the power to confer the Doctorate degree in Divinity, honoris causa, it has never yet exercised this

right. However, the Senate has decided to make a start this session and the Rev. C. E. Bland, B.A., B.D., and the Rev. M. White, M.A., B.D.,—two ministers well known in the province as men of ripe scholarship and public spirit—will have this degree conferred on them. To the people of Alberta, Professor Bland is known as a splendid preacher, while his students find in him an interesting lecturer and a sympathetic friend. Mr. White, the venerable minister of Lacombe, has for more than twenty-five years been pastor of one of the most important congregations in the Synod. During that time he has also been actively identified with the Presbyterian Home Mission work in the province; indeed he is one of the pioneer ministers of the West. But in spite of the onerous duties that have devolved upon him he has not neglected his duties, and today he has the enviable reputation of being the best classical scholar in the pulpit west of Winnipeg.

To Mr. T. S. Paton has fallen the honour of the Presidency of the Students' Council for next year. He is small of stature but in Robertson we measure men from their chin up. Judged by this standard Tommy is a big man and weighty, and we may safely leave the honour of our College in his keeping.

T. S.

### CLASS NOTES.

The class which is now graduating started out in the fall of 1913 with probably the greatest numbers of any in the history of the University, and with good prospects of a large number of graduates. Our numbers were diminished in the first year for the usual reasons. Some had underestimated the effort required, some had not sufficient physical strength; while others changed their minds about the future or were hindered by the financial depression that settled down on the country at that time. But the falling off in the second and third years, which was far greater than usual, cannot be attributed to common causes, but to war. The fact that we are one of the smallest, instead of the largest class to graduate from this institution, is evidence of the effects, direct or indirect, of the war on higher education throughout the country.

Looking over the Honor Roll, we find the names of thirty-three students of class '17. They heard the call of Empire and responded, leaving all that was dear behind, their fond hopes for the future not the least dear in many cases, for some had aimed high. Nine of these hold lieutenants' commissions, one has the rank of sergeant, four are corporals, and one, Mr. Simmons, has climbed to the position of Major. A copy of this, our graduating number, will, we hope, reach every member of the class, on active service, in training, or invalided home, bearing to them our sincere thanks for the splendid service they are rendering for a cause that is ours, as theirs; and the assurance of our active support and co-operation in this terrible struggle, in the days that are to come. And we earnestly hope that every one may be spared to return and take up his work where it was interrupted.

But some there are who will not return. They have gained the highest rank of all. Their names can never die. "*Dulce et decorum est, pro patria mori.*" Glorious, indeed, it is to die for one's country, but more glorious to die in the interests of the whole human race.



Lieutenant Beecroft

genial and unselfish disposition made him popular, not only in his class, but throughout the University. He figured prominently in athletics, and gave willingly of his time and energy to all other student activities. The same spirit that made him popular with us gained for him the good will and esteem alike of officers and men when he entered military life. A fellow officer, writing from France, pays him a tribute in which we all concur, when he says, "The world cannot afford to lose men as fine as Harvey. It grieves us all to think he will not return; yet it is with pride that we remember the noble sacrifice of our fellow student Beecroft."

George Lavell was an Applied Science student. He enlisted early in the war and fell fighting at the battle of the Somme. We cannot soon forget his smiling face and happy disposition. George was one of the fastest hockey players Varsity ever had. He played the game with enthusiasm, and in the spirit of a true sport; and when he heard the call to enter the terrible game of war, he responded with the same heartiness. His comrades, we are told, loved him for his kindly good nature; and his superiors found in him a soldier worthy to be entrusted with responsibility. It was in the performance of a difficult and dangerous duty — carrying ammunition across an open space under a heavy fire, to the firing line—that he met his death. One more gone for the sake of our great Empire, and the principles that have made her great. The members of class '17, while mourning his loss, will always honor the memory of Lavell.

Lieutenant Beecroft left Edmonton with the 3rd University Company in the spring of 1915 as a private. In England he took up machine gun work, and went to France as a lieutenant in that department, being joined to the 7th Brigade, in which were the 49th Batt., and the P.P.L.I. In September last he took part in the battle of the Somme, and has not been heard of since. The last act recorded of him was a brave one. While commanding a machine gun section, he observed that a man in his command had fallen. Though it was not an officer's duty, Beecroft took his place, and a German shell found his position as he was performing this self-imposed duty. His name appeared in the casualty list as missing, and no definite word has yet come of him. Beecroft was President of the class in '14 and '15. His



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We often chafe and grow weary under the strain of college life, and wish we were through with it all, but as we come to the end of the term and realize that we must leave, it is not without some feelings of regret and sadness. Perhaps a great many have felt that the term has flown with leaden wings (particularly those graduates who are wishing for the merry month of June), but the end is here at last and before parting with studies and examinations and friends, we pause for a moment to review the year and its work.

Under the auspices of the literary executive, some very enjoyable evenings have been spent. There has been nothing stereotyped about the programmes that were prepared. Mr. T. Lund and the worthy members of the committee have evidently tried very hard to suit the varied tastes of the students and their friends. We have had lectures, monologues, socials, dramas and also a skating party. By co-operating with the department of expression, the literary society has been able to furnish us with programmes of a very high order.

In addition to the work of the literary society, the students of the musical, vocal and expression departments have furnished several high class concerts which have attracted very large audiences.

We could not very well leave the social side of college life without expressing our very sincere appreciation of the efforts of the ladies' college; and the pleasant social gatherings under their auspices will linger long in the memory of those who participated in them. Nor will the students forget the delightful sleigh ride provided by the members of the Freshman year.

The athletic executive under Mr. G. Hosking has also done excellent work in spite of many great discouragements. They have provided all forms of sport from basketball to handball and every other kind of ball. They have furnished teams which have represented the college in the various inter-collegiate series, such as hockey and basketball. The ladies have also represented the college in a splendid way in basketball.

The Y.M.C.A., under Mr. J. Smiley, has had a very busy year. Almost every branch of this work has been attended to. Services have been held, bible study groups formed, missionary and temperance lectures delivered, problems of child life discussed, and definite missionary work engaged in.

The men who have represented us at the front have not been forgotten. A monthly news letter has been forwarded by Mr. J. Suttill. Several have been wounded but we are grateful to be able to report that none have been killed.

And so the year has gone. It has had its ups and downs, its bright spots and its dark spots. But taken in its different forms it has given all a chance to shew the best that was in them. It has not been a year of intellectual development alone, but developments calculated to form all-round characters. And there is no doubt that we shall go out into life better fitted to accept its duties and responsibilities as a result of the term 1916-17.

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